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SUBJECT: UNITED STATES ACCUSED ON INCITING HOMELAND CHIEFS

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1. EDITORIAL ENTITLED " LAND DEMANDS" IN MAY 9 ISSUE OF NATIONALIST PARTY MOUTHPIECE DIE TRANSVALER DECLARED HOMELAND LEADERS SHOULD REALIZE THAT THEIR " IRRESPONSIBLE STATEMENTS CONCERNING GOVERNMENT OF SOUTH AFRICA AND THEIR UNJUST LAND DEMANDS" WERE CAUSING INCREASING DISPLEASURE AMONG WHITES. PAPER WARNED THAT IF SUCH UTTERANCES CONTINUED, THERE WAS DANGER THIS ADVERSE WHITE REACTION COULD LEAD TO REJECTION OF HOMELANDS AND OPPOSITION TO GOVERNMENT' S POLICY OF ASSISTING THEIR DEVELOPMENT. HOMELAND LEADERS ADVISED TO RESTRICT THEIR ATTENTION TO OWN AREAS AND AFFAIRS. ARTICLE THEN LINKED STATEMENTS BY HOMELANDS LEADERS TO THEIR VISITS ABROAD, STATING THAT THEY INVARIABLY RETURNED WITH " SHRILL JUDGEMENTS OF SOUTH AFRICA' S POLICY AND OF SEPARATE DEVELOPMENT". " IT DOES NOT REQUIRE MUCH IMAGINATION", EDITORIAL CONTINUED, " TO COME TO CONCLUSION THAT OFFICIALS IN U. S. STATE DEPARTMENT PLAY AN IMPORTANT ROLE IN INFLUENCING HOMELAND

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LEADERS AGAINST SAG AND EVEN IN INCITING THEM."

2. COMMENT - TRANSVALER PIECE CLEARLY PROMPTED BY REMARKS OF GAZANKULU CHIEF MINISTER NTSANWISI ON HIS RETURN FROM US, AS REPORTED REFTEL.

3. IN REPORTING TRANSVALER ARTICLE, MAY 10 RAND DAILY MAIL QUOTED UNITED PARTY FOREIGN AFFAIRS SPOKESMAN JAPIE BASSON AS COMMENTING THAT VIEWS EXPRESSED BY HOMELANDS LEADERS AFTER RETURNING FROM OVERSEAS VISITS WERE MOSTLY ONES THEY HELD BEFORE THEY LEFT, AND THAT IT WAS THIS SORT OF PATERNALISTIC, INSULTING ATTITUDE WHICH IMPLIED AFRICAN LEADERS INCAPABLE OF FORMING THEIR OWN OPINIONS THAT CREATED BAD RELATIONS WITH HOMELANDS. HE ASSERTED THAT NATIONALIST PARTY HAD OBLIGATION TO SUBSTANTIATE THESE ALLEGATIONS OF FOREIGN INFLUENCE.
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